COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 4632-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 1848

Subject: Courts; Judges

Type: Original

Date: March 20, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the composition of the Missouri Court of Appeals

districts.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue				
Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
Statewide Court Automation	\$0 or (Less than \$100,000)	\$0	\$0	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0 or (Less than \$100,000)	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

- □ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- □ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (CTS)** state the proposed legislation would change the composition of the Missouri Court of Appeals, and the three districts would be known as the first, second and third districts.

The first district would consist of districts 1 through 55 of the Missouri House of Representatives, the second district would consist of districts 56 through 109 of the Missouri House of Representatives and the third district would consist of districts 110 through 163 of the Missouri House of Representatives.

There would be 11 judges in the first and second districts and 10 judges in the third district. There may be some unknown costs associated with the JIS (statewide court automation) system used by the courts because of changes required to the appellate court databases.

Officials from the **Missouri State Employees Retirement System** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Oversight will show a potential cost (assumed to be less than \$100,000) to the State Court Automation Fund (0270) in FY 2013 to implement the changes of the proposal.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE STATEWIDE COURT AUTOMATION FUND	\$0 or (Less than <u>\$100,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Expense - change of the composition of the Missouri Court of Appeals districts	\$0 or (Less than \$100,000)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
STATEWIDE COURT AUTOMATION FUND	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FV 2013	FV 2014	FV 2015

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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal abolishes the current eastern, southern, and western districts of the courts of appeal which are based on county boundaries and replaces them with first, second, and third appellate judicial districts based on Missouri House of Representatives legislative districts. The first district will include House districts one through 55 and will have 11 judges. The second district will include House districts 56 through 109 and will have 11 judges. The third district will include House districts 110 through 163 and will have 10 judges. The provisions regarding judges in the existing eastern, southern, and western circuits are repealed.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator Missouri State Employees Retirement System

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